

Senate Resolution 1487

By: Senator Douglas of the 17th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. Oma Parnell on his remarkable service on behalf of
2 veterans; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Oma Parnell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
4 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of this nation's military veterans; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Parnell diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy
7 as senior assistant for Veterans Affairs for the Office of Senator John Douglas and has
8 dedicated years to serving the former guardians of America's freedom and liberty; and

9 WHEREAS, a member of American Legion Post 32 in Covington, Georgia, Mr. Parnell has
10 testified before the Georgia Senate at committee hearings regarding veterans' issues and
11 concerns and facilitated the evaluation of veterans stalled in the appeals process at Walter
12 Reed Army Medical Center; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Parnell serves as chairman and agent of Newton-Rockdale Veterans, Inc.,
14 and has raised funds to provide financial assistance, services, food, and shelter for veterans
15 in crisis; and

16 WHEREAS, a life member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55, Mr. Parnell has been
17 instrumental in securing matching funds for a Disabled American Veterans van to transport
18 veterans in Newton and Rockdale counties to VA Medical Centers; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Parnell has served as a liaison for disabled veterans, securing benefits and
20 treatments owed them from the Veterans Administration and assisting in the appeals process;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, this amazing veteran has served as chaplain for hospitalized veterans throughout
23 Georgia hospitals and VA Medical Centers, met with families of service men and women
24 killed in action, and assisted widows and dependents with funeral services and burials in VA
25 cemeteries; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
27 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
29 commend Mr. Oma Parnell on his dedicated, compassionate, and selfless service to the
30 veterans of Georgia and the United States.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Oma Parnell.